



Upcoming Events

Lifeline Screening

Fairfield Baptist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on **Saturday, March 7, 2015**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Wellness Package includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **To register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

Lovingkindness Educational Center Summer Camp

Open House
Saturday,
March 21, 2015
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM



Fairfield Baptist Church
Administration Building
Eli McKenzie Media Center

Lovingkindness Educational Center, along with Fairfield Baptist Church, is planning a summer full of games, sports, swimming, learning, and fun! If you want to travel throughout Georgia exploring and experiencing fun events from May 26th through August 7th, then this camp is the place to be! Information about our camp and how we incorporate learning the state standards and fun into the summer will be given at our second Open House.

Welcome New Members

Raquel Gray
Leodas Greene
Deonia Landis
Saniya Landis
Kira Robinson
Larry Sullivan
Silvano Terrell
Jameelah Jossiah



Contributing Communication Coordinator

Sister Robin Junious

Singles' Ministry

Upcoming Events

"A Study of Wisdom"
with Rev. Brenda Rush
13 Steps for the Unmarried to Become Wise
Friday, March 13, 2015, 7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



Atlanta Hawks vs. Miami Heat
Basketball Game
March 27, 2015
\$15.00 per person

To attend any scheduled event, please contact:
Robin Junious - 470-331-9101
Tamika Foster - 770-598-9972
Terry Scott at 678-471-6463

Coming Soon! Micheal Benton Family Life Center's Fitness Room Renovation



FBC Members
Please mark your calendars
For
Church Conference
Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 PM
The Son's House

Newsletter Staff

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Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

The FBC Newsletter is published on the first Sunday of each month. Articles MUST be submitted by the 15th of each month for inclusion. Please send submissions to: medianews@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org.

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The Time is Now

Evangelist Lillie Ambles

"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1 (New Living Translation). This verse is so familiar it is often spoken at funerals and reflects upon someone's death. The essence of reflection is good prompted to do so; however, we should examine our time here on earth now. Speaking of funerals, if we were to picture our tombstones: Date of Birth - Date of Death (unknown), we would see that our lives are as brief as the dash between those dates. David said, "LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered - how fleeting my life is. You have made my life no

longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath." Psalm 39:4-5 New Living Translation. David and serve; makes it clear that we are not the boss of time but rather, time is coming towards us for the most spectacular event known to man - the revelation of God... That is what is at the end of all our lives, dashes. When thinking about how time is coming "for us", we have to wonder how it is we are going to spend this time on earth (that dash). Are we going to take the advice of David and consider why we are here and how the time that counts is now? NOW is the time to witness; NOW is the time to turn up our faith; NOW is the time

to pray; NOW is the time to give and serve; NOW is the time to extend grace; NOW is the time to love. We do not have to be anxious about our time here (Philippians 4:6). If we are living our purpose, we should treasure the gift of time we are given and point as many as we can to God. NOW is the time to love. We do not have to be anxious about our time here (Philippians 4:6). If we are living our purpose, we should treasure the gift of time we are given and point as many as we can to God.



Reverend Lamoyne Smith

A Season of Change



In the earthly realm, winter is deemed as the coldest of four seasons. On average, January and February are two of the coldest months during the calendar year. However, just as the fall season turns towards winter, winter eventually turns towards spring. Therefore, the month of March denotes a season of change. In the natural, we can see the seasons transitioning and transforming right before our very eyes. As winter turns towards spring, flowers begin to bloom, the grass gets greener, and the once barren trees give way to beautiful budding leaves. Spring also brings forth warmer temperatures, more sunlight, and more daylight. Just as summer, fall and winter does, spring has its season, its time, and its purpose. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 says, "there is a season, a time, and a purpose to everything under the heaven." There in our lifetimes, will be a multiplicity of seasons designed to transition and transform us into the people and purpose of God's divine plan. Much like the four seasons, in our seasons of life there will be some cool, some cold, some warm, and some hot seasons and there will be a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted. Not only will there be a time to receive, but also a time to lose. There will be times to speak and times to keep silent. Regardless of the season we may find ourselves in, remember that the God of all eternity, His time and His purpose is also in it. The changing seasons in our lives are a testament of God's unchanging character, for it is through His only begotten Son that we know that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. During the seasons of change, we can rest assured that God's time, plan, and purpose are working together for the good for those that love Him.

Stay connected with us.



**Fairfield Baptist Church
Service Times**

Mondays
Intercessory Prayer
7:00PM
Sanctuary
"The Upper Room"

Wednesdays
Bible Study
12 Noon
C.L. Nall Chapel
7:00 PM
C.L. Nall Chapel

Worship Services
Sundays
7:30AM & 10:45AM
The Son's House

Sunday School
9:15AM
Zack Brown
Administrative Center

Youth Church
Last Sunday of Each
Month
10:45AM
C.L. Nall Chapel

Church Directory

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Mission
Food & Clothing
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Thoughts on Faith

Make a Joyful Noise

Deaconess Cynthia Nealey

The first two verses of *Psalms 100* read, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing." I asked three people this question: What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the words 'make a joyful noise'? Singing was their first response. We each have our own way of making a joyful noise. Some of us show it by singing and praise dancing while others may shout and lift their hands. No matter how you choose to make a joyful noise, the Lord wants us to praise Him with our whole heart, soul,

and mind. In order for us to do this we must be filled with His joy. Joy is not only shown through happiness, but also through tears. *Psalms 126:5-6* states, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." These passages of scripture tell us that we may start out crying but in the end we shall make a joyful noise. Some of us are still looking for a way to make that joyful noise. If you put your faith in God, He will help you praise your



way through your storm. He has done it before and He will do it again. So, help me "Make a Joyful Noise!"

Right Choice Unity Prayer Service 2015



Dr. Benjamin Gaither (past chairperson), Pastor Micheal Benton and Senator Ronald Ramsey announcing the inception of Right Choice in 2013.

Decatur, Georgia will bring the message for the occasion. Our campus was the host site for the inaugural prayer service last year. In 2013, a coalition of pastors from DeKalb County launched "Right Choice", an after-school and mentoring program focusing on boys at risk of dropping out of high school. To strengthen the coalition, the pastors partnered with the DeKalb County Police Department and the DeKalb County School District. Currently, there are fifteen churches involved in this program contributing to the lives of young men of DeKalb. Pastor Micheal Benton was an integral part of the coalition's inception and was elected to head the group in 2015. He will certainly be an asset moving this organization forward to be an instrument to inspire young men to become productive citizens and leaders in their schools and communities. Please mark your calendars to be in attendance for this blessed opportunity to hear the hallowed Word of God and support this worthwhile program.

2nd Annual Unity Prayer Service
Friday, March 20, 2015, 7:00 PM
St. Phillip AME Church
240 Candler Road, SE ~ Atlanta, GA

St. Phillip AME Church will be the host site for the 2nd Annual Right Choice Unity Prayer Service. This year's event will be held on Friday, March 20, 7:00 PM. Pastor Marlin Harris of New Life Christian Church,



The Kingdom Kreation Leadership Team wishes to thank the Fairfield family who made it possible for our youth to enjoy and experience Selma, the movie. We also appreciate the adults who contributed to our weekly youth bible study during the month of February in honor of Black History month. Your stories and teachings were valuable to our youth. We look forward to you working with our youth in the future as well.

Ministries' News

Veterans Ministry

The FBC Veterans and Supporters Ministry invites all veterans and supporters to meet with us every 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Zack Brown Administration and Educational Center in conference room B. We ask all veterans and supporters to join us in planning events throughout the year which includes our annual Veterans and Supporters Appreciation Dinner celebration in April. We are updating our troop roster so please inform us of your or your family member's duty station mailing address. Thank you for your continued support. Keep our troops and their families in your prayers. Remember, 'Freedom is not Free'.

Trinitarians: Lee Thompson, Michael Wright, & Robin Junious

Good Friday Service, April 3, 2015, 7:00 PM

**The FBC Ministerial Staff
presents**

JUDAS ISCARIOT

**A Cantata
by
Dr. Sharon J. Willis**

The work, although entitled Judas Iscariot, is based upon the life of Christ, the Last Supper, His betrayal, and His crucifixion.

A premiere presentation
Kathye J. Gary, Soprano
Kimberly Edwards-Hall, Mezzo Soprano
Deborah McCrimmon, Contralto
Mel Foster, Tenor

Pastor and Sister Benton's Engagements

On Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 3:00 PM, join Pastor Benton as he delivers the message at the Bald Rock Baptist Church located at 2284 Old Covington Road in Conyers, GA. Reverend Christopher Shipp serves as the pastor.

On Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 10:45AM, you are invited to join First Lady Y'Vonne Benton as she presents the message at First Norman Grove Baptist Church's Women's Day Program. Reverend E.L. Ellison serves as the pastor.



Join
Nzinga Benton and Yohance Benton
"Seasons Musical"
Saturday, March 7, 2015, 7:00 PM
Berean Christian Church
2201 Young Road, Stone Mountain, GA
Admission is Free

Events

**March 1
Communion Worship
Services**
7:30 & 10:45 AM

**March 28
Easter Egg Hunt**
Yard of Scout House
12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM

**March 29
Baptism**
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
7:30 PM

Baby Dedication
The Son's House
10:45 AM

**Sunday School
Easter Program**
C.L. Nall Chapel
10:45 AM

Sunday School
9:15 AM

Zack Brown Administrative and
Educational Center

New Member Class
Executive Conference Room

Baptism Class
2nd & 3rd Sundays
Computer Lab

**Intercessory Prayer
Ministry**

Monday Nights, 7:00 PM
The Upper Room
"The effectual fervent prayer of a
righteous man availeth much".
- James 5:16b

Bible Study
Wednesdays

12 Noon
C.L. Nall Chapel

**7:00 PM
Adults**
C.L. Nall Chapel
March 4

*The Tribe of Zebulon Presents
The Book of Acts
March 11 & 18*

*The Tribe of Reuben Presents
The Book of Romans
March 25 & April 8*

*The Tribe of Simeon Presents
The Book of 1 Corinthians*

Youth
Zack Brown Administrative &
Educational Center